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1. In July 1954 a total of 53,241,972 kg of various goods were transported in 2,918 freight cars through the Czechoslovak-Austrian border stations Devinska Nova Ves (Pl49/X89) - Marchegg (Pl49/S70) in both directions. Of this quantity 44,680,965 kg in 2,357 carloads and 19 various containers went from Marchegg to Devinska Nova Ves, and 8,561,007 kg in 561 carloads and five containers went in the opposite direction. The following goods were involved:

A. Metals	1,815,730 kg in	75 carloads	25X1
B. Metal goods	1,257,973 kg in	77 carloads & 2 cases	
C. Chemicals	2,206,778 kg in	190 carloads & 3 containers	
D. Liquid & hard fuels	42,457,010 kg in	2,191 carloads	
E. Textiles	204,166 kg in	20 carloads & 1 boxes	
F. Foodstuffs	511,721 kg in	37 carloads	
G. Lumber	3,814,430 kg in	239 carloads	
H. Other items	974,164 kg in	89 carloads & 15 cases	
Total	53,241,972 kg in	2,918 carloads & 24 various containers	

Apart from this, 535 empty tankers went through the two border stations, 499 from Poland to Austria for refilling, and 36 in the opposite direction (mostly to Poland for repair).

2. Shipments in the direction Marchegg - Devinska Nova Ves during July 1954 went to the following countries in the following quantities:

	Czechoslovakia:		Poland:		Hungary:		Total:	
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	-	-	-	-	20,850	1	20,850	1
B.	53,575	6	96,068	7	898,679	52	1,048,322	65
C.	390,855	24	389,445	36	50,223	3	830,523	63
D.	489,710	28	41,716,300	2151	-	-	42,206,010	2,179
E.	977	-	6,648	1	-	-	7,625	1
F.	129,731	11	-	-	-	-	129,731	11
G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.	27,535	4	88,773	12	80,726	6	197,034	22
Total	1,092,383	73	42,297,234	2207	1,050,478	62	44,440,095	2,342

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In addition there were nine carloads (132,305 kg) of raw cotton to Bulgaria bringing the total of "textiles" (E) to 139,930 kg in 10 carloads, and six carloads (108,565 kg) of tin sheets to Eastern Germany bringing the total of "metal goods" (B) to 1,156,887 kg in 71 carloads and the grand total to 44,680,965 kg in 2,357 carloads.

These goods came from the following countries in the following quantities:

Austria:		Total:					
kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	20,850	1	-	-	-	20,850	1
B.	1,055,396	63	96,068	7	5,423	1,156,887	71
C.	141,780	10	655,944	50	32,799	830,523	63
D.	42,206,010	2,179	-	-	-	42,206,010	2,179
E.	977	-	138,953	10	-	139,930	10
F.	59,580	5	70,151	6	-	129,731	11
G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.	78,328	6	118,706	16	-	197,034	22
Total	43,562,921	2,264	1,079,822	89	38,222	44,680,965	2,357

(Abbreviations: AU - Austria PO - Poland
 CSR - Czechoslovakia
 JU - Yugoslavia
 cld(s) - carload(s)
 DNV - Devinska Nova Ves)

3. Imports to the CSR via Marchegg - DNV were composed of:

- a. Metal goods 53,575 kg
 in six clds from AU
- (1) Sheet iron 32,610 kg
 in two clds to Trnava (Pl9/T22)
- (2) Iron goods (unspecified) 15,333 kg
 in three clds
 to: Kysucke Nove Mesto (Q50/X52) 12,649 kg in 2 clds
 Piestany (Pl9/Tlh) 2,684 kg in 1 cld
- (3) Machinery (unspecified) 5,632 kg
 in one cld to Slavosovce (Q49/D54)
- b. Chemicals 390,855 kg
 in 24 clds 2 AU
- (1) Sulphur 360,365 kg
 in 22 clds to various stations in Slovakia
- (2) Artificial resin (Kunstharz) 30,490 kg
 in two clds to Bratislava from Vienna
- c. Liquid fuels (gas oil) 489,710 kg
 in 28 clds to Bratislava from AU
- d. Textiles (dry goods) 977 kg
 in four cases to Piestany from AU

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- e. Foodstuffs 129,731 kg 25X1
in 11 clds []
- (1) Lemons 54,811 kg 25X1
in five clds [] to DNV
- (2) Dry plums 34,070 kg
in three clds to Bratislava (P49/X99) from AU
- (3) Wine 29,850 kg
in two clds to Bratislava
[] 15,340 kg in 1 cld 25X1
AU 14,510 kg in 1 cld
- (4) Butter (best quality) 11,000 kg
in one cld to Bratislava from AU
- f. Other items 27,535 kg 25X1
in four clds (3 AU []
- (1) Grinding paste (Schleifmasse) 12,419 kg
in one cld to Benatky nad Jizerou (051/G01) from AU
- (2) Insulation stones & wool (Isoliersteine und Wolle) 9,399 kg
in two clds to Kysucke Nove Mesto from AU
- (3) Lamb skins 5,130 kg 25X1
in one cld to Liptovsky Mikulas (Q50/D19) []
- (4) Collective consignments 587 kg 25X1
in 15 cases to DNV []

4. The goods consigned to Poland consisted of:

- a. Liquid fuels 41,716,300 kg
in 2,151 tankers from AU
- (1) Crude oil 23,350,770 kg
in 1,340 tankers from Vienna
to: Trzebinia 19,623,340 kg in 1,124 tankers
Jedlicze 3,727,430 kg in 216 tankers
- (2) Gas oil 14,617,970 kg
in 653 tankers from Vienna
to: Szczecin 5,416,440 kg in 216 tankers
Gdynia 3,577,540 kg in 210 tankers
Nowa Sol 2,303,670 kg in 89 tankers
Wroclaw 1,915,020 kg in 92 tankers
Ustrzyki Dolne 1,104,020 kg in 38 tankers
Kozle 301,280 kg in 17 tankers
- (3) Gasoline 2,907,600 kg
in 119 tankers from Vienna
to: Slawecie 1,324,730 kg in 59 tankers
Warszawa 555,250 kg in 22 tankers
Zagorzany 536,470 kg in 25 tankers
Wroclaw 491,150 kg in 13 tankers

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(4) Petroleum 839,960 kg 25X1
in 39 tankers to Bierawa from Vienna

- b. Chemicals 389,445 kg 25X1
in 36 clds [] 7 AU [] which contained:
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| cellulose wool | 167,793 kg in 19 clds from which | |
| | 134,994 kg came in 16 clds | [] 25X1 |
| | 32,799 kg came in 3 clds | [] |
| "polyvinylchloride" (sic) | 81,210 kg in 6 clds from AU | 25X1 |
| chloride of lime | 60,360 kg in 5 clds | [] |
| cryolite | 40,300 kg in 2 clds | [] |
| chemicals (unspec.) | 11,442 kg in 1 cld | [] |
| magnesium oxide | 10,260 kg in 1 cld | [] |
| phthalic anhydride | 10,080 kg in 1 cld from AU | |
| sulphur | 8,000 kg in 1 cld | [] 25X1 |
- c. Metal goods 96,068 kg
in seven clds [] which contained:
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| ball & roller bearings | 75,342 kg in 4 clds |
| iron goods (unspec.) | 20,726 kg in 3 clds |
- d. Other items 88,773 kg 25X1
in 12 clds [] which contained:
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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| collective consignments | 28,773 kg in 3 clds |
| cork shavings (Korkabfaelle) | 20,000 kg in 4 clds |
| seaweeds | 20,000 kg in 4 clds |
| fluorspar | 20,000 kg in 1 cld |
- e. Textiles (yarn) 6,648 kg 25X1
in one cld []

5. The goods consigned to Hungary consisted of:

- a. Metal goods 898,679 kg 25X1
in 52 clds (51 AU [] which contained:
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| steel wire | 415,481 kg in 21 clds from AU |
| sheet iron | 147,560 kg in 8 clds from AU |
| "Platinen" (sic) ¹ | 73,550 kg in 4 clds from AU |
| semi-finished iron products | 56,380 kg in 3 clds from AU |
| steel sheets | 52,730 kg in 4 clds from AU |
| iron wire | 45,316 kg in 3 clds from AU |
| steel rods | 38,226 kg in 3 clds from AU |
| iron goods (unspec.) | 23,121 kg in 2 clds from AU |
| heaters (Luftvorwaermer) | 19,650 kg in 1 cld from AU |
| transformer equipment | 16,430 kg in 1 cld from AU |
| machine spare parts | 5,423 kg in 1 cld [] 25X1 |
| ball & roller bearings | 4,812 kg in 1 cld from AU |
- b. Other items 80,726 kg 25X1
in six clds (3 AU [] which contained:
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| collective consignments | 56,510 kg in 3 clds from AU |
| lamb skins | 24,216 kg in 3 clds [] 25X1 |

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- c. Chemicals
in three clds [] 1 AU) which contained: 50,223 kg 25X1

phthalic anhydrite 30,223 kg in 2 clds [] 25X1
magnesite bricks 20,000 kg in 1 cld from AU

- d. Metals (rolled iron and steel)
in one cld from AU 20,850 kg

6. Goods consigned to Bulgaria (Vác) consisted of nine clds (132,305 kg) of raw cotton [] 25X1

7. The only item consigned to Eastern Germany (Bad Schandau) were six clds (108,565 kg) of thin metal sheets (Feinbleche) from AU (Vienna).

8. Shipments in the direction DNV - Marchegg during July 1954 went to the following countries in the following quantities:

Austria:			Total:		
	kg	cars		kg	cars
A.	1,794,880	74		1,794,880	74
B.	76,128	4		101,086	6
C.	619,595	57		1,376,255	127
D.	251,000	12		251,000	12
E.	40,089	8		64,236	10
F.	276,110	20		381,990	26
G.	-	-		3,814,430	239
H.	83,094	10		513,285	45
Total	3,140,896	185		8,297,162	539

In addition there were 19 clds (247,676 kg) of newsprint to Jugoslavia (Maribor), and three clds (16,169 kg) of chinaware [] bringing the total of "other items" (H) to 777,130 kg in 67 clds and the grand total to 8,561,007 kg in 561 clds. 25X1

These goods came from the following countries in the following quantities:

Czechoslovakia:			Poland:		Hungary:		Total:	
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	300,000	6	-	-	1,494,880	68	1,794,880	74
B.	60,591	5	-	-	40,495	1	101,086	6
C.	1,361,255	126	-	-	15,000	1	1,376,255	127
D.	251,000	12	-	-	-	-	251,000	12
E.	40,089	8	-	-	24,147	2	64,236	10
F.	336,990	23	-	-	45,000	3	381,990	26
G.	3,814,430	239	-	-	-	-	3,814,430	239
H.	729,571	61	-	-	47,559	6	777,130	67
Total	6,893,926	480	-	-	1,667,081	81	8,561,007	561

9. Exports from the CSR via DNV - Marchegg were composed of:

- a. Metals (wrought steel)
in six clds from Podbrezova (Q49/D06) to AU 300,000 kg

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- b. Metal goods 60,591 kg 25X1
in five clds (3 AU [] & two crates (AU)
- (1) RR undercarriages 11,550 kg 25X1
in one cld from DNV []
- (2) Steel sheets 11,310 kg
in one cld from Podbrezova to AU
- (3) Steel cylinders 11,190 kg
in one cld from DNV to AU
- (4) Bath tubs 10,408 kg 25X1
in one cld from Bratislava []
- (5) Steel barrels 8,600 kg
in one cld from DNV to AU
- (6) Diesel engine 1,400 kg
in one crate from Horovice (N50/L45) to AU
- (7) Electric engines 133 kg
in one crate from Bratislava to AU
- c. Chemicals 1,361,255 kg 25X1
in 126 clds (57 AU; [] & three containers [])
- (1) Charcoal 1,058,664 kg 25X1
in 108 clds from various stations in Slovakia
[] 469,595 kg in 48 clds 25X1
409,069 kg in 42 clds
180,000 kg in 18 clds
- (2) Cellulose 136,600 kg 25X1
in eight clds from Martin (Q50/C69) []
- (3) Bleaching lye 130,000 kg
in seven clds from Bratislava to AU
- (4) Chemicals (unspec.) 15,000 kg 25X1
in one cld from Novaky (Q49/T97) []
- (5) Starch 10,000 kg
in one cld from Boleraz (P49/T13) to AU
- (6) Bleaching powder 10,000 kg
in one cld from Bratislava to AU
- (7) Juniper-tree volatile oil 991 kg 25X1
in three barrels from Liptovsky Mikulas []
- d. Fuels (hard coal) 251,000 kg
in 12 clds from Ostrava (P50/O59) coal basin to AU
- e. Textiles 40,089 kg
in eight clds to AU
- (1) Raw cotton 32,949 kg
in seven clds from DNV
- (2) Stockings 7,140 kg
in one cld from Velke Hielice (Q49/T75) to AU

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- f. Foodstuffs 336,990 kg 25X1
in 23 clds (20 AU) []
- (1) Cottonseed oil 248,945 kg
in 16 clds from DNV to AU
- (2) Malt 60,880 kg 25X1
in three clds from Trnava []
- (3) Sheep cheese (bryndza) 16,165 kg
in three clds from Zvolen (Q49/C74) to AU
- (4) Butter 11,000 kg
in one cld from Bratislava to AU
- g. Lumber 3,814,430 kg 25X1
in 239 clds []
- (1) Tree trunks and logs 2,412,620 kg
in 150 clds from various stations in Slovakia
[] 1,714,720 kg in 108 clds 25X1
697,900 kg in 42 clds
- (2) Cut lumber 1,329,500 kg
in 83 clds from various stations in Slovakia
[] 791,670 kg in 49 clds 25X1
422,430 kg in 27 clds
115,400 kg in 7 clds
- (3) Poles 72,310 kg
in six clds from various stations in Slovakia [] 25X1
- h. Other items 729,571 kg 25X1
in 61 clds [] 19 JU; 10 AU []
- (1) Newspprint 384,988 kg 25X1
in 30 clds from various stations in Slovakia
to: JU 247,676 kg in 19 clds
AU 57,915 kg in 4 clds
[] 47,340 kg in 4 clds 25X1
32,057 kg in 3 clds
- (2) Wooden cases 298,260 kg
in 21 clds from various stations in Slovakia [] 25X1
- (3) Hollow glassware 25,427 kg
in four clds from Lednicke Rovne (P50/060) and
Strieborna (Q49/D02)
[] 16,194 kg in 2 clds 25X1
AU 9,233 kg in 2 clds
- (4) Medicinal herbs 9,670 kg
in two clds from DNV to AU
- (5) Feathers 5,130 kg
in one cld from DNV to AU

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- (6) Wooden barrels
in two clds from Bratislava 4,950 kg 25X1
- (7) Collective consignments
in one cld from Ruzomberok (Q50/C99) to AU 1,146 kg

10. Shipments from Hungary via DNV - Marchegg consisted of:

- a. Metals 1,494,880 kg
in 68 clds to AU which contained:
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| crude iron | 1,343,840 kg in 61 clds | | |
| cast iron | 84,600 kg in 4 clds | | |
| cast steel | 66,440 kg in 3 clds | | |
- b. Other items 47,559 kg
in six clds (3 SW; 3 WG) which contained
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|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------|
| "Bentonit" (sic) | 25,365 kg in 2 clds | <input type="text"/> | 25X1 |
| chinaware | 16,169 kg in 3 clds | | |
| collective consignments | 6,025 kg in 1 cld | | |
- c. Foodstuffs (wheat oats) 45,000 kg
in three clds 25X1
- d. Metal goods (sheet iron) 40,495 kg
in one cld to AU
- e. Textiles (rags) 24,147 kg
in two clds 25X1
- f. Chemicals (vaseline oil) 15,000 kg
in one cld 25X1

11. Apart from empty tankcars there were no shipments from Poland via DNV - Marchegg during July 1954.

1. Comment: "Platinen" is probably a trade mark designation of some metal product which, in view of the quantity involved, can hardly have anything in common with platinum.

from Donawitz (AU) from where most of the other metal products (e.g. iron wire, steel rods, sheet iron) exported to Hungary are shipped. Its destination was Banreva (Hungary).

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